

His treatment consisted of (1) one tablet of Aluzyme three times a day, later increased to two tablets three times a day; (2) daily injections of 1 c.c. of Betaxan; (3) 50 mg. of ascorbic acid twice daily; (4) five minims of Adexolin t.i.d. In this case the restlessness was again controlled with Soneryl six-hourly. The child did not show much improvement for the first week, but after this the change was very marked. He was discharged from hospital a month later, fit and well, having been ill for six and a half weeks.

I am indebted to Dr. F. M. B. Allen for permission to publish details of four of these cases.

REVIEWS

PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE. By Desmond Curran, M.B., F.R.C.P., D.P.M., and Eric Guttman, M.D., L.R.C.P. Edin. E. & S. Livingstone, 16-17 Teviot Place, Edinburgh. 10s. 6d.

IN the vast amount of literature which has accumulated on this subject, it is almost essential to have a short introduction. Such a book should have separated the wheat from the chaff, and there should only be included the things which have come to stay. This publication fulfils these criteria fairly well. It is short, 182 pages, but no essential feature is forgotten. The foreword is written by Dr. J. J. Conybeare, who stresses the authors' point to seek "positive psychiatric evidence" earlier in the diagnosis, and not to delay until "all possible physical causes have been excluded."

Chapters on ætiology and symptomatology of mental disease are followed by an important contribution on psychiatric case-taking. This is good, and shows the help obtainable by a properly taken history. The chapter on treatment is not so full, but most of the lines of treatment are mentioned. Minute details of all treatments are naturally not given.

Constitutional anomalies occupy a section in which intelligence tests are discussed, while the contribution on "organic syndromes" includes delirious states, Korsakoff's syndrome, organic dementias, and mental symptoms associated with vascular diseases.

One of the important features of this volume is the appendix on war-time psychiatry. The special needs of war examination, war clinical syndromes, psychiatric aspects of head injuries and treatment, are all included. This book may be recommended with confidence.

PATHOLOGICAL HISTOLOGY. By R. F. Ogilvie, M.D., F.R.C.P., with foreword by A. Murray Drennan, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Pathology, Edinburgh University; and 235 Photomicrographs in colour by T. C. Douds. Pp. 411 + xi. Second Edition. Price 32/6.

THE early appearance of the second edition is evidence of the popularity which this book has gained amongst students. The number of illustrations has been increased, whilst the quality of some of those in the previous edition has been improved. There are eighty additional pages of textual matter, which include a chapter on the Integumentary System.

The high standard of the original coloured photographs and of their reproduction will continue to render this book of inestimable value to students in their histological studies. There is no other students' atlas so valuable. We feel, however, that if the atlas character of the book were to be expanded at the expense of the text, it would be even more valuable. The mediocre student especially is tempted to use the book as a text-book, rather than as the author intends, as a companion to a text-book. In doing so, he gains a point of view which is too exclusively anatomical.

The chapter on the Integumentary System deals only with two lesions—*Mollusum contagiosum* and *lupus vulgaris*. No mention or illustration is given of the common medial necrosis of the aorta described by Erdheim.

However, these are minor criticisms, and we feel sure that this edition will continue to hold the high place in the students' esteem which was gained by its predecessor.

Once again the publishers are to be congratulated on the manner in which they have overcome the difficulties of war-time production.

THE ESSENTIALS OF MODERN SURGERY. Edited by R. M. Handfield-Jones, M.C., M.S., F.R.C.S., and A. E. Porritt, M.A., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Second Edition. Published by E. & S. Livingstone. 40s.

ON the whole, this volume fulfils the requirements of its title adequately, and includes ear, nose, throat, and gynaecological conditions, but not those of the eye. There are also sections on anaesthetics and venereal diseases, although there may be some doubt as to the necessity of including these in a strictly surgical work.

There are a few unsatisfactory statements, such as the description of fluctuation on page 23, and in the description of crush injuries it is advised that every effort be made to overcome diminishing renal function. More practical advice seems called for in a work of this kind.

The suggestion of lumbar ganglionectomy in the treatment of senile gangrene would not be approved by many.

In the section on surgical technique, the dictum that no operation should be undertaken by any surgeon unless he is capable of meeting, with skill and dexterity, any complication, however unforeseen, that may occur, is one too often forgotten, and deserves the emphasis laid upon it.

In the section on colloid goitre, the treatment advised is relief of pressure, improvement of the patient's appearance, and prevention of thyrotoxicosis. Here again, one would like more practical information as to how these desirable objects are to be obtained.

In essentials, however, this book is so good that such inconsistencies, easily remedied, strike a jarring note.

"THE MEDICAL ANNUAL," 1943. Edited by Sir Henry Tidy, K.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., and A. Rendle Short, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S. John Wright, Bristol. 25s. net.

"OF making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." The author of these words had never seen the *Index Medicus*, which has so amply justified his statements. Year by year "The Medical Annual" tries to alleviate our weariness by giving us an epitome of all that is best in the medical literature of the year. The names of the editors and the list of erudite contributors are a sufficient guarantee of the breadth of their researches and their ability to place their results clearly before us. It would be invidious to attempt to assess the comparative value of the contributions (all of which may be described as worthy of the names of the editors), but a barrister's article on Legal Decisions may be specially mentioned. The present reviewer remembers a country doctor who for over fifty years read only one medical book each year; it was "The Medical Annual," and his marginal annotation showed how thoroughly he performed his task. He had an amazing knowledge of the trends of medical and surgical progress, and he lived to the age of ninety-seven! This reviewer does not prescribe "The Medical Annual" as a guarantee of longevity, but it may be regarded as a valuable adjuvant.

FRACTURES AND JOINT INJURIES. By R. Watson-Jones, B.Sc., M.Ch.Orth., F.R.C.S. E. & S. Livingstone, Edinburgh. Complete in two volumes, 75s.

THE third edition of Mr. Watson-Jones' book is for convenience published in two volumes. Volume I is now ready, and Volume II will be available in November. It would be difficult to overestimate